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In The Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 8-10, 15-17, 20-23 and 28-29.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11-14, 18, 19 and 24-27 as follows.

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1. (Once Amended) A printer, comprising:

at least one ink-ejecting mechanism, the at least one ink-ejecting mechanism having a printer head;

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at least one head chip formed on the printer head, the at least one head chip being formed in an array pattern on the printer head; and

a plurality of nozzles associated with each head chip wherein nozzles associated with one head chip and nozzles associated with an adjacent head chip partly overlap along at least one direction to form an overlapped area on a print object such that when the at least one ink-ejecting mechanism drives across the print object the nozzles of the one head chip and the nozzles of the adjacent head chip respectively eject inks which are mixed in the overlapped area to reduce dot density differences on the print object.

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3. (Once Amended) A printer according to claim 1, wherein the ink-ejecting mechanism is driven such that a boundary is set in the overlapped area, a spot of printing dots in the overlapped area is allocated to the head chip covering either side of the overlapped area, and the boundary is shifted.